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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS. . . . June 23, the House passed the price control and stabilization bill with an amendment providing for Department of Agriculture approval of OPA food orders. June 25, the House agreed to the conference report on the pay bill. June 26, the Senate confirmed the nomination of J. B. Hutson to be Undersecretary of Agriculture; the Senate agreed to the conference report on the pay bill (the bill is now pending for Presidential action); the House passed the Labor-Federal Security appropriation bill. June 27, the House committee received the conference report on the price control and stabilization bill; the House Appropriations Committee submitted a report on WFA warehousing and accounting activities. June 28, the Senate agreed to the conference report on the price control and stabilization bill; the House passed the second deficiency appropriation bill which includes items for Lend-lease and REA loans; the House received the conference report on the Labor-Federal Security Bill.

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MORE CHICKEN AVAILABLE FOR CIVILIANS. . . . Because of slight seasonal reductions in requirements for the armed forces there'll be somewhat more chicken for civilians in the Eastern States. The Army take will be 70 percent instead of 90 percent of the weekly production goal established for chicken processing plants authorized under the set-aside order. Chicken processed in excess of production goals may be released for civilian distribution with the request that preference be given civilian hospitals. Effective in the Del-Mar-Va area since June 25, this action will be extended to other major chicken producing areas under the set-aside order, effective June 29.

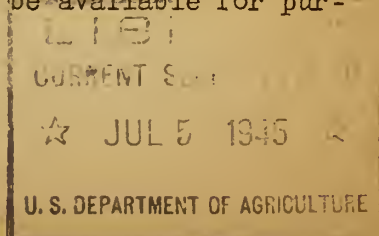
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1946 WHEAT AND RYE GOALS. . . . WFA announced yesterday that the recommended 1946 wheat acreage goal is 67 to 70 million acres, which is in line with the 1945 prospective acreage of 68.6 million acres. Concurrently the national rye goal for harvest in 1946 was recommended at 2.8 million acres which compares with an indicated harvest of 2.2 million acres in 1945. Suggested State goals, within the general framework of the national goals, have been submitted to the States for consideration. Final State goals will be determined on the basis of needs and local conditions.

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"IN COMMON CAUSE," the soil conservation movie mentioned in the May 26 Calendar under the working title of "Soil Conservation Districts," is scheduled for release some time in July. Stephenson County, Illinois, which has practiced soil conservation since about 1930, was chosen as the scene of the film. What soil conservation has done for this County, how this typical district was formed and operated, and the big job in soil conservation yet to be done throughout the country is depicted. The film, in black and white, will be distributed through the Department's film depositories in 16 mm. prints and will be available for purchase in both 16 mm. and 35 mm. prints.

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WFA TERMINATED. . . . The following Executive Order was issued yesterday by President Truman terminating the War Food Administration and transferring its functions to the Secretary of Agriculture:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including Title I of the First War Powers Act, 1941 (55 Stat. 838), it is ordered as follows:

1. The War Food Administration and the office of War Food Administrator, established by Executive Order No. 9334 of April 19, 1943, are hereby terminated.

2. The functions, duties and powers of the War Food Administrator, including but not limited to those vested in the Administrator by Executive Orders No. 9334 of April 19, 1943, as amended, No. 9385 of October 6, 1943, No. 9401 of December 7, 1943, No. 9418 of January 29, 1944, and No. 9534 of April 3, 1945, are hereby transferred to, and shall be exercised and performed by, the Secretary of Agriculture.

3. The records, property, personnel, funds, and agencies of the War Food Administration are hereby placed under the jurisdiction and control of the Secretary of Agriculture. The agencies of the War Food Administration shall, consistent with applicable law, be organized and administered in such manner as the Secretary of Agriculture may deem desirable.

4. The Secretary of Agriculture shall have, and may exercise to such extent and subject to such conditions as he shall determine, (a) all powers of delegation vested in the War Food Administrator, including but not limited to those specified in paragraph 9 of Executive Order No. 9280 of December 5, 1942, and (b) the authority to confer upon any person or persons to whom he may make delegations hereunder, the power to make further delegations to any person or persons in the Department of Agriculture.

5. All orders, directives, rules, and regulations relating to any matter within the scope of the authority of the War Food Administrator which are in effect on the effective date of this order shall continue in full force and effect unless and until modified or revoked by the Secretary of Agriculture or at his direction or under his authorization.

6. All prior Executive orders in conflict with this order are hereby amended to the extent of such conflict.

7. This order shall take effect at the close of business on June 30, 1945.

HARRY S. TRUMAN

June 29, 1945

FCI ON POTATOES, TOO? . . . Potatoes, the sixth ranking agricultural commodity in producer income for 1944, and tenth in total crop acreage, are being considered for Federal crop insurance in 1946 on a trial basis. Growers from most of the important potato-producing States met with the FCIC in Washington June 25-30 to discuss possible plans for such a program.

States represented at the meeting were; Minnesota, N. Carolina, Maine, New York, New Jersey, California, Alabama, Virginia, Colorado, Nebraska, Wisconsin, N. Dakota, Pennsylvania, Washington, S. Carolina, Florida, Michigan, and Texas.

This is the second of a group of meetings held for discussing trial crop insurance programs for 1946. The first was a meeting of producers from the citrus-growing States. Inquiries have been sent to the various State Triple-A directors to determine the interest in crop insurance for rice, peanuts, and soy beans. Insurance on an experimental basis can be offered on three new crops each year in not more than 20 counties.

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REDUCTION IN MEAT SET-ASIDES. . . . Effective July 1, set-asides for Government purchase of the aggregate total production of beef, pork, veal, and lamb from Federally-inspected plants are being reduced as follows: Beef, choice, good, and commercial grades, from 50 to 30 percent; if produced by Kosher slaughterers in the northeastern area (zone 9) from 45 to 25 percent; utility and canner-and-cutter beef from all areas from 75 to 65 percent; veal from 35 to 30 percent; lambs from 20 to 15 percent; bacon bellies from an equivalent of 5.5 percent of the live weight of hogs slaughtered to 4.5 percent. Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi have been added to the list of 21 other States exempt from the lard set-aside. Allocations have been so planned that purchases for military and other Government agencies may be reduced during the period of seasonally light meat production, providing civilians with a larger share of the total production of Federally-inspected plants.

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EGG DAMAGE IN 1944. . . . More than \$650,000 has been paid by railroads in claims for shell eggs damaged in transit during 1944. This is only a fraction of the actual damages sustained. Most egg losses may be prevented by selection of suitable shipping containers and careful handling in loading and unloading egg cases. With the increased demand for eggs it is more important than ever to prevent losses in transportation. An illustrated leaflet, "Reducing Damage to Eggs and Egg Cases," is offered free upon request by the War Food Administration, Washington 25, D. C., or from the OMS area offices in New York, Atlanta, Dallas, Chicago, or San Francisco.

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CANNING IN A SUGAR-SCARCE SEASON. . . . Hints for home canning with little sugar will be given on the July 7 CONSUMER TIME show. The importance of canning everything possible from the Victory Garden, and especially vegetables which do not require sugar, will be stressed. On July 14, a community canning bee will be dramatized on the show.

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ANOTHER BOOST FOR HOME CANNING CAMPAIGN. . . . In addition to the member papers of NEA and NAS, and others mentioned in the April 21 and May 12 issues of the Calendar as cooperating in the home canning campaign this year, the Inland Daily Press Association has recently sent the home canning mats and proof sheets to 375 daily newspapers.

USDA RELEASES OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE. . . . Reduced set-aside of meats for armed forces--1152; More chicken for civilians--1153; Details of meat set-aside reductions--1154; Belgian potato shipments cancelled--1164; WFA removes restrictions on foreign purchase of some farm commodities--1176; Growers prices for clingstone peaches for canning and freezing--1181; Prices for Western freestone peaches for canning and freezing--1182; Wheat and rye goals recommended for 1946--1193; Sharp drop forecast in Indian cotton crop--1202; Storage restrictions lifted in 25 states--1204.

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE. . . . Higher ceilings for berries--OPA-5695; Protective service allowances on fresh fruits and vegetables--OPA-T-3366; Base allotments of processed foods for veterans entering the candy-making business--OPA-5664; Livestock carcasses and wholesale cuts of meat must, after July 15, be marked with slaughterer's official identification number--OPA-T-3383; Increase in processor ceiling prices for canned pole beans produced in Area 10--OPA-T-3386; Apple ceilings raised--OPA-5708; Cents-per-pound zone ceiling prices for poultry announced--OPA-5705; Ceiling prices established for intermediate and late crop white potatoes--OPA-5707; Seasonal reduction in ceiling prices for melons, except watermelons--OPA-T-3389; Increase in ceiling price for manufacturers sales of twist tobacco--OPA-5704; Dollar-and-cent ceilings for grain sorghums established--OPA-5697; Surplus property disposal increasing mounting rapidly--OWI-4607.

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NEW CROP INSURANCE LEAFLETS. . . . An 8-page cartoon illustrated handbook of selling hints on crop insurance is scheduled to be out in a day or so for immediate distribution to Triple-A committeemen and other Federal crop insurance salesmen. It is entitled "Selling Crop Protection," "WILL YOU BE NEXT?" is the title of another FCI selling aid which has been sent to state offices of Triple-A for distribution to county offices. Designed for distribution to farmers, it outlines what Federal crop insurance does, what it costs, and how to get this type of protection.

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In this 186th WEEK OF THE WAR AGAINST JAPAN the Government asks its citizens to (1) Ask for no more canning sugar than can actually be used; (2) thoroughly put out Fourth of July picnic fires. War-tiem lumber shortages are acute, yet careless campers and smokers cause fires that annually destroy enough timber to build thousands of houses; and (3) Use and can as many peaches as possible. They may be the only plentiful fruit crop this summer, and commercially canned fruits will continue scarce next winter.

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . Functional Requirements in Designing Dairy Barns--Circ. No. 722, 24p.; Farmers Look at Post-war Prospects, AIS-20, 20p.; Farm Opportunities? Prospects, Problems, Policies, 22p.; Post-war readjustments in processing and marketing dehydrated fruits and vegetables, 99 p. proc.

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ANOTHER TIMELY TOPICS PLATTER will be cut July 3. The effect of length of day on plant growth, voiced by Gove Hambidge of ARA, will be the subject on one side. How the surplus machinery program for farmers will operate is the subject scheduled for the other side of the platter. It will be voiced by Dave Meeker of the Office of Surplus Property and Reconversion.